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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" In the first place, I have no information. In the second place, I would like to tell the hon. Member that this question should be addressed to the Public Service Commission."

Manivilandan ex-servicemen land colony.

* 238 *Q*.—SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Manivilandan ex-servicemen land colony was started in Salem district;

(*b*) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on that colony till 1st September 1953 by way of grants, loans and establishment charges;

(*c*) how many families were settled in the initial stages and how many there are at present; and

(*d*) how many acres are under actual cultivation?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The Manivilandan Agricultural Co-operative Land Colonization Society for ex-servicemen started work on 7th December 1947.

" (*b*) An expenditure of Rs. 1,43,361–11–6 from Government advances has been incurred on the colony till 1st September 1953.

" (*c*) The Society started with 24 members. Nine members are actually cultivating the lands now.

" (*d*) 51·60 acres have been brought under cultivation up to 30th September 1953."

Expenditure incurred in the enforcement of the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act XXXIII of 1951.

* 239 *Q*.—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of money expended in employing officers and subordinates for the enforcement of the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act XXXIII of 1951 before 15th March 1952 when the Act actually came into force; and

(*b*) if so, how the Government have appropriated this sum in the Budget?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) As the main operative provisions of the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act, 1951 came into force only on 15th March 1952, the expenditure, if any, incurred in the enforcement of the Act prior to that date could only be a negligible amount. Information on this point is not readily available with Government.

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As regards the expenditure incurred after 15th March 1952, the attention of the Hon. Member is invited to answer to Question No. 272, given on the floor of the House on 2nd April 1953.''

Sri M. Narayana Kurup :—'' Members of local bodies are surcharged for spending any amount illegally. Will the Government follow a similar policy with reference to Hon. Ministers, though the amount may be small? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker :—'' The difference is : in the case of local bodies, the amount is illegally spent, but here it was not illegally spent.''

Sri R. Krishnan :—'' സർ, അവരുടെ പ്രവൎത്തനംകൊണ്ടു് ഗവൎമ്മെണ്ടിന്നു പണനഷ്ടമല്ലാതെ വല്ല ബെനിഫിററും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നുവോ ? ''

Sri P. Ramamurthi :—'' அதிகப்படியான பணச்செலவே தவிர, அபிவிருத்திக்கான எந்த வழியும் இல்லை. வேறு எந்த வகையான பலனாவது உண்டா ? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker :—'' There is no doubt that a certain amount of expenditure was incurred. But in view of the impending Bill, the operation was stopped.''

Sri M. Narayana Kurup :—'' The sections upon which this expenditure was incurred came into force only on 15th March 1952, and the Hon. Minister admitted that at any rate a small amount was spent before that date. May I know whether this expenditure was not illegal? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker :—'' Before the Act came into force, an expenditure of less than Rs. 1,000 was incurred for some preliminary work. The expenditure incurred after the Act came into force was about Rs. 2½ lakhs.''

9–50 a.m. Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar :—'' Sir, are the Government aware that a considerable part of the expenditure was wasted on account of the fact that officers not conversant with Malayalam or Malabar land tenure were imported into the district for this purpose, and because of their unfamiliarity quite a lot of time and money was wasted? Would the Government at least not repeat this expenditure on the rent courts to come? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker :—'' Sir, I would not call it a waste of money. It has solved the unemployment problem to some extent, as the hon. Member knows.''

Grant of certain benefits to road maistries.

* 240 *Q.*—Sri K. Aranganathan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what is the result of the consideration by the Government of the representations received from the road maistries under Highways to give them certain benefits as mentioned in the Hon. Public Works Minister's